BLM Chain Sawyer Operator Certification Process

All BLM fire program saw operators must complete the NWCG S-212 course, including the Position Task Book appropriate to the "A" class saw operations.

The individual tasks required for completion of the "A" Task Book and the final certification for the "A" level saw operators must be certified by a qualified "B or C" level saw operator.

The individual tasks required for completion of the "B" Task Book must be evaluated by a qualified "B" or "C" level operator. The final certification for "B" level operator must be signed by a "C" level saw operator.

The individual tasks required for completion of the "C" Task Book must be evaluated by a qualified "C" level operator. The final certification for "C" level operators must be signed by a state approved "C" level certifier.

Each of the states will certify and maintain a list of their current "C" class saw operators who they approve to be "C" class certifiers.

The certification of "C" class certifiers will remain the responsibility of the agency administrator or delegate.

For non-fire saw operators a five year currency for all levels of chainsaw operators will be maintained by documented field operations.

All fire related (red carded) saw operation qualifications are maintained through the IQCS system and will have a currency of five years.

All chain saw operators will attend annual chain saw refresher training specified and documented by the local unit.